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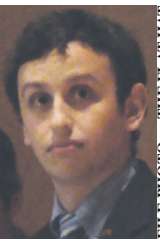
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Pilchen used SA funds for movies, Wawa, cigarettes

SA Vice President confesses to spending nearly \$140 of SA money on self

By MILES HILDER
Flat Hat News Editor

Student Assembly Vice President and former president Zach Pilchen '09 admitted last night to making personal purchases amounting to \$138.51 at the end of last semester using a debit card connected to an off-campus account managed by the SA.



Pilchen came forward concerning his involvement with the missing funds after SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 confronted him following an investigation by Hopkins, Senators Matt Beato '09 and Walter McClean '09, Secretary of Finance Yael Gilboa '11 and Senate finance chair Caroline Mullis '09. Upon returning from summer break, the group encountered a discrepancy in the account's funds, as well as a missing statement that contained the purchases in question. Nobody can offer an explanation as to why the statement was missing.

The purchases, which range from just over \$3 to \$20, took place during a 15-day span beginning April 28 and ending May 12.

Pilchen acknowledged using funds from the SA's account to buy items such as movie tickets, cigarettes and sandwiches. The purchases were made at a variety of Williams-

burg-area stores including Wawa, Rite-Aid and McDonald's. The initial purchase occurred at a movie theater on April 28.

"I had been carrying [the debit card] around," Pilchen told The Flat Hat last night. "I literally went to a movie, pulled my wallet out, and gave them the card and then got it back and was like 'holy shit, that's the Student Assembly card.'"

Hopkins remembered Pilchen admitting the incident and believed that it was an isolated occurrence.

"He seemed genuinely kind of surprised, and he was very lighthearted about it ... he was like, 'I can't believe I did this, I accidentally bought tickets to 'Harold and Kumar' and I really don't want to run into problems with that,'" Hopkins said. "He was like, 'Don't worry, I'm going to pay it

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ABOUT THE FUND

The primary off-campus account is made up of profits from Student Assembly activities. The money can be used for special projects and events. According to SA bylaws, no more than \$750 can be withdrawn from the fund each month. Monthly account activity reports must be submitted to the senate by the secretary of finance at their first monthly meeting. The misappropriation of these funds is subject to Honor Council or Judicial Council discipline.

COLLEGE OPENS ITS DOORS

Successful alumna welcomes Class of 2012 during Convocation



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Interim College President Taylor Reveley watches as Convocation speaker Rhian Horgan '99 addresses the Class of 2012 Friday afternoon.

Horgan '99 encourages students to seek out opportunities

By MARIA MOY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Class of 2012 was welcomed to the College of William and Mary during the annual Convocation ceremony at the Wren Building Friday.

The Convocation speaker was Rhian Horgan '99, a former student body president and current vice president with J.P. Morgan, a Fortune 500 financial services

provider.

The ceremony lasted a little over half an hour and included a welcome address given by Provost Geoffrey Feiss, the official opening of the academic session by Interim College President Taylor Reveley, Horgan's speech and the presentation of the 2008 President's Awards for Service to the Community.

The 80-degree weather was overwhelming for some, and Reveley assured his col-

leagues, all dressed in black dress robes, that it was "socially acceptable to remove all their garments ... just take it off."

Horgan's keynote address urged students to get involved in college life, taking full advantage of the College's resources.

"I can assure you that this community will not only shape and support you during your years at the College, but for the many

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RIAA suits send message, says prof

College ordered to hand over names for lawsuits

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary recently complied with a controversial court order and handed over the names of as many as 19 students to the Recording Industry Association of America. The industry group plans to sue the students for illegally sharing music online.

In June, U.S. District Judge F. Bradford Stillman overturned a previous decision that had prevented the media trade group

from obtaining the names.

"The College did receive the subpoena to release to the RIAA the names of current and former students who they said illegally downloaded music," College spokesman Brian Whitson said. "We consulted with the attorney general's office and complied with the court order."

The RIAA's settlement notices to College students have been for \$5,000 or less, and at least eight students have made settlement payments between \$3,000 and \$5,000. However, legal costs will likely drive up to-

tal settlement values the longer a specific lawsuit is prolonged.

On two occasions last year, the RIAA sent settlement letters to the College, which the school promptly forwarded to the students whose IP addresses appeared on them. The College received 12 pre-litigation settlement letters last year and 13 more this year.

However, this year marked the first occasion in which the school was ordered by the district court to release names.

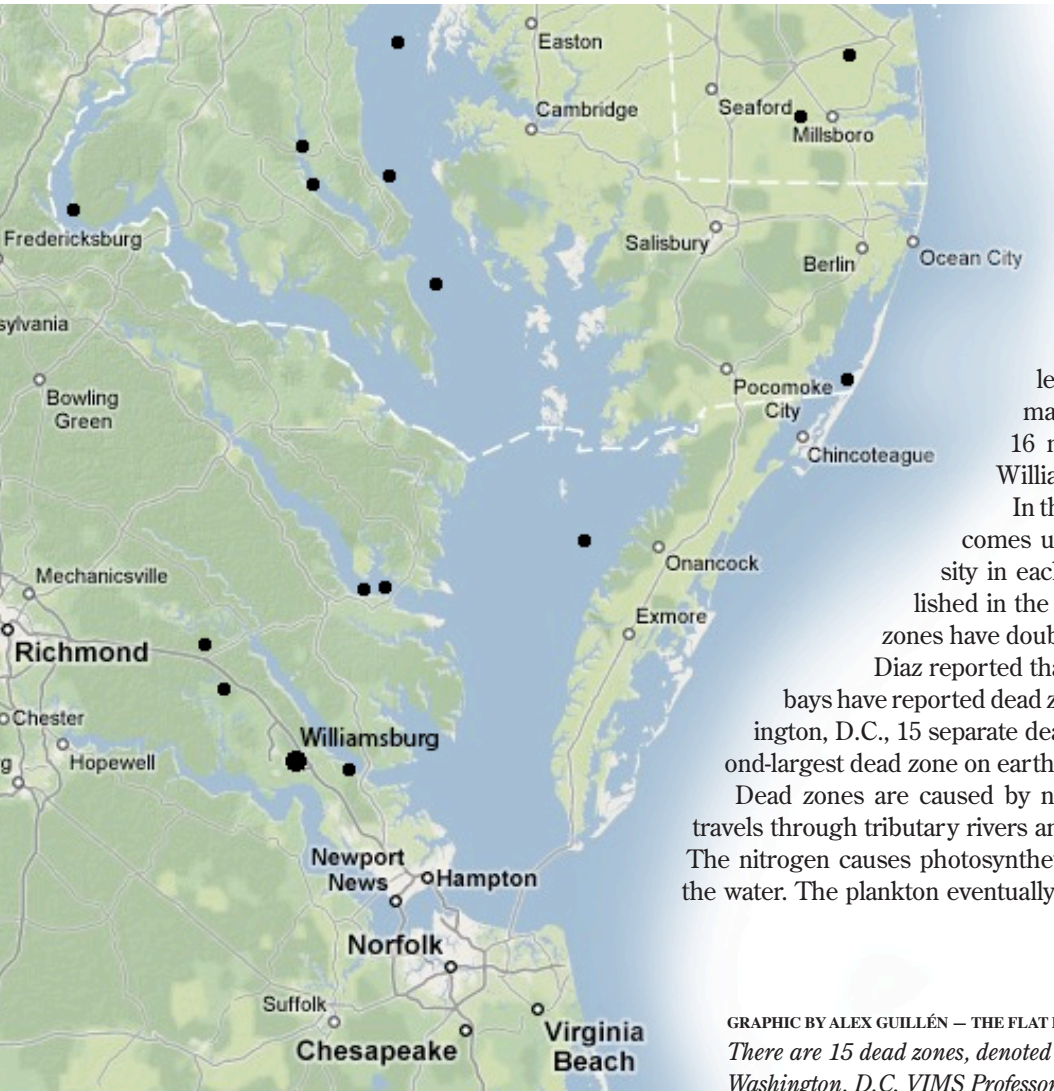
Whitson stated that without a court order, the College would not have released the names. He also said that the school

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RESEARCH AT THE COLLEGE

VIMS scientist: ocean's dead zones growing

By KARA STARR
Flat Hat Staff Writer



Oxygen-depleted dead zones are extending around the coastal regions of oceans — both here in Virginia and around the world — at an alarmingly swift rate, according to a recent study published by Virginia Institute of Marine Science professor Robert Diaz.

VIMS is a graduate school of the College of William and Mary that focuses on marine science. It is located approximately 16 miles away from the main campus in Williamsburg.

In these hypoxic dead zones, aquatic life becomes unsustainable, and the unique biodiversity in each region is destroyed. The study, published in the journal Science, found that these dead zones have doubled every 10 years since 1960.

Diaz reported that over 50 percent of U.S. estuaries and bays have reported dead zones; between Williamsburg and Washington, D.C., 15 separate dead zones have been identified. The second-largest dead zone on earth exists in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

Dead zones are caused by nitrogen-rich agricultural runoff, which travels through tributary rivers and feed in to the ocean's coastal region. The nitrogen causes photosynthetic plankton to grow on the surface of the water. The plankton eventually decays and sinks to the bottom of the

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GRAPHIC BY ALEX GUILLÉN — THE FLAT HAT
There are 15 dead zones, denoted by black dots, between Williamsburg and Washington, D.C. VIMS Professor Robert Diaz found that some are growing.

Mascot issue yet to be addressed

Reveley: 'Tribe' moniker a mascot in itself

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat News Editor

Ever since Colonel Ebirt, an amorphous green blob wearing a tri-cornered hat, was retired as the College of William and Mary's unofficial mascot in 2005, the issue of finding a replacement has been eclipsed by more urgent issues.

Interim College President Taylor Reveley said the reason he hesitated to begin the search is because "mascots are a very dangerous subject."

"I think that could either go very well and be a very entertaining and unifying thing, or it could turn into a huge mess," he said. "And since we don't need any messes right now, we haven't gotten started."

Reveley said the Tribe itself is a mascot.

"We actually aren't mascot-less because we have the concept of the Tribe. And that is what most people would call a

mascot," he said. "It's just that it doesn't have any physical manifestation."

Nevertheless, some students and administrators have been discussing the next mascot — especially after the College's new logos were unveiled last year to general dislike.

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Corrections

In last Friday’s article “Pilchen visits Democratic Convention in Denver” Zach Pilchen was incorrectly labeled as the president of the Virginia Young Democrats. Pilchen is the president of the Virginia College Democrats.


The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather


Tuesday


High 92°
Low 66°

Wednesday


High 95°
Low 69°

Thursday


High 90°
Low 71°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“Let’s let a thousand flowers bloom. Let’s have all the suggestions anybody has come in, and let’s see what shakes out.”

— Interim President Taylor Reveley said of a new mascot.
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News in Brief

James McGlothlin ’62 appointed to museum board

Thursday, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine appointed James W. McGlothlin ’62 J.D. ’64 to the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. McGlothlin replaces his wife, Frances, whose 10-year term on the board ended earlier this year. McGlothlin is known for withdrawing a \$12 million donation to the College of William and Mary because he was unhappy with former College President Gene Nichol’s removal of the cross from the Wren Chapel. The couple has provided heavy support to the museum; in 2005, they gave the museum over \$100 million in financial support and art. In appreciation, the new wing of the museum is named in their honor.

College tests emergency system

The College will test its emergency notification system tomorrow just after noon. According to a press release, the test will include both the siren and the mass notification messaging system. The sirens, which sound at 120 decibels, are located above both the Integrated Science Center and the College’s Law School. The messaging system will send alerts to cell phones and land phones, as well as through e-mails and text messages.

College offers exclusive NATO internship

Five of the College’s rising seniors have the opportunity to serve as representatives at the U.S. Mission to NATO headquarters in Brussels. For eight weeks, the interns are responsible for monitoring press wires, compiling research and writing briefs for the ambassador.

“No other undergraduate institution in the country has this opportunity,” Vice Provost for International Affairs Mitchell Reiss said in a press release.

Barbara Pate Glacel ’70 worked directly with NATO to develop this opportunity for the College. Since the internship’s establishment in 2005, the College has sent 13 students to Brussels.

“The U.S. Student Program is truly exceptional,” Lisa Grimes, the College’s Student Fulbright Program advisor, said in a press release earlier this week.

Williamsburg’s tourism numbers down

Usually a hub of tourist activity, Williamsburg faced economic troubles this summer. According to the Virginia Gazette, hotel occupancy was down from last year’s rate of 78.8 percent to 69.4 percent in July. Numbers have not been this low since July of 2004.

“I can’t remember July occupancy being below 70 percent, or our year-to-date rate after July being 45 percent,” Doug Pons, operator of the Quarterpath Inn, said.

Officials blame high gas prices and the slow economy for this year’s tourist slump. Many business owners are turning their attention to 2009, abandoning their hopes of making any more significant profits in what is left of 2008.

While most Williamsburg businesses have suffered, one could not recover from the slow summer. The owner of the Colonial Inn on Capital Landing closed the business due to occupancy rates 25 percent below normal. If 2009 is not more profitable, many more Williamsburg restaurants and hotels could be forced to shut down.

— by Alex Guillén and Maggie Reeb

BEYOND THE ‘BURG



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA.ORG
New Orleans residents wait in line to evacuate the city as Hurricane Gustav approaches.

College students escape Hurricane Gulf Coast universities shut down because of storm

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

The Gulf Coast’s worst nightmare is happening again, and college students fled the southeastern states as then category three Hurricane Gustav raged toward New Orleans.

Three years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the ill-prepared Louisiana city, another weather system threatens it. Category three hurricanes have sustained winds of up to 130 mph and storm surges, a rise in ocean water, of up to 12 feet above sea level. Hurricane Katrina was a category three storm when it made landfall in 2004, and Gustav was expected to strengthen by the time it reached land. Fortunately, weather officials downgraded Hurricane Gustav to a category two storm before it reached the coast around 10 a.m. Monday morning.

In anticipation of the storm, colleges shut down Friday, ahead of Sunday’s official evacuation order from New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. According to the Washington Post, Gulf Coast students turned to friends for shelter.

“As people started talking about the new hurricane, I was thinking, ‘this can’t be happening again,’” Xavier College senior Danielle Person told the Post. “I don’t know if we can do this again.”

When Katrina ravaged the coast three years ago, Person was only 17 and a freshman at Xavier. There were no more plane or bus tickets out of the area, and she was too young to rent a car. Luckily, an Xavier administrator gave Person a ride to Nashville, Tennessee, where she was able to fly home.

This year, Person finds herself in Nashville once again, this time taking refuge at a friend’s home.

The friend was Howard University administrator Ruthie Reynolds, who drove Person to Nashville Friday after the university shut down. Danielle Smith, a Los Angeles native and Xavier student, is also staying in Reynolds’ home.

As Gustav threatened to wreak havoc on New Orleans again, some students decided that attending a Gulf Coast school may not be worth the risk. Dominique Ivey of Bowie, Md., spoke of her frustration to the Post.

“I really want my degree to say Xavier, but this is too much to go through,” she said. “You can’t keep having this kind of disruption.”

Gustav, however, did not cause the amount of damage weather officials thought it capable of. According to The Chicago Tribune, most buildings, including college campuses, escaped severe damage.

Xavier College, along with other universities, is scheduled to reopen Thursday.

STREET BEAT

Who do you think should be running for president and why?



Al Gore because he comes off as more honest than the other politicians.

Laura Buchanan ’09



Ron Paul because he’s not a conniving politician and he has a blimp.

Liz Horne ’12



Joe Biden because I like his policies on social issues.

Kate Chelak ’11

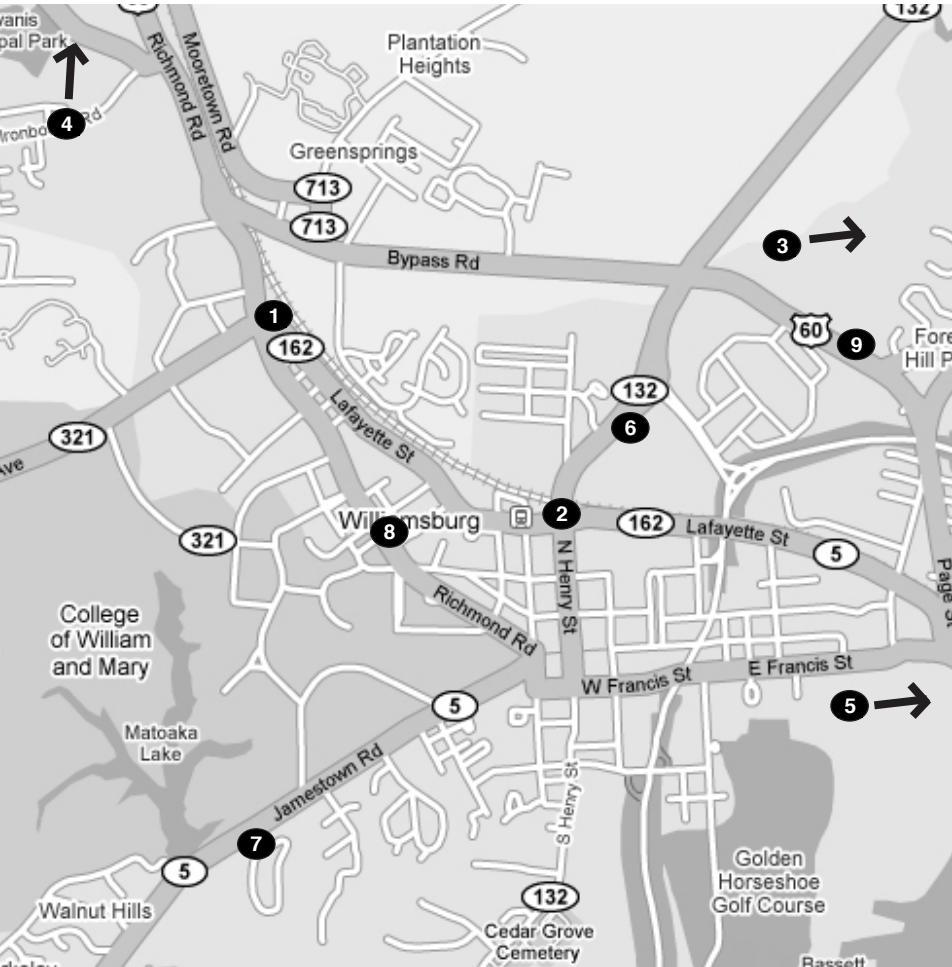


Al Gore because he seems to have his priorities straight.

Carrie Bruner ’09
— photos and interviews by Matt Conroy

CITY POLICE BEAT

Aug. 20 to Aug. 28



Sunday, Aug. 20 — A 29-year-old male was arrested on the 1300 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged domestic assault. **1**

Monday, Aug. 22 — A 22-year-old male was arrested at the intersection of N. Henry St. and Route 132 for allegedly driving with a revoked license. **2**

Thursday, Aug. 25 — An unidentified male was arrested on the 200 block of Merrimac Tr. for alleged domestic assault. **3**

— An unidentified individual vandalized a window and window seal on the 200 block of Longhill Rd. The suspect is still at large. **4**

— An individual was arrested for alleged embezzlement on the 600 block of York St. **5**

Tuesday, Aug. 27 — A 47-year-old male was charged with allegedly dumping illegally at the 300 block of Dunning St. **6**

— An unidentified individual stole a laptop computer and iPod from the 200 block of Rolfe Rd. The suspect is still at large. **7**

Wednesday, Aug. 28 — A 19-year-old male was arrested on the 500 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence. **8**

— A 25-year-old-male was arrested on the 1100 block of Bypass Rd. for allegedly driving with a suspended license. **9**

— A 19-year-old male was charged for alleged underage possession of alcohol and disorderly conduct on the 1300 block of Richmond Rd. **1**

— compiled by Maggie Reeb

Radford BOV member resigns

Blake quits after releasing confidential finance information

By ADRIENNE ANDERSON
The Flat Hat

Resignations, finance scandals and Board of Visitors dramatics: In a controversy that is vaguely reminiscent of last year's troubles at the College of William and Mary, Radford University's governing board is facing upheaval stemming from a decision to raise the annual deferred pay of the school's President Penelope Kyle, who is rumored to be a possible candidate to succeed former President Gene Nichol at the College.

It all began when Radford University Board of Visitors member Robert Blake resigned from his position with much debate last month.

The Roanoke Times reported Sunday that Blake was accused of releasing confidential financial information to the foundation's finance committee. In a resignation letter, Blake explained why he released the information.

"I do not regret my actions," Blake told the Times. "Radford University is a public institution of the commonwealth, and most of its transactions and events, including compensation packages for faculty and administrators, should not be veiled in secrecy from its stakeholders."

The information concerned an increase in Kyle's deferred pay from an annual \$55,000 to \$200,000.

Blake referred to the salary increase as "detrimental to the financial well-being of the foundation."

In April, the board extended Kyle's contract by five years. Then-chairman of the foundation's finance committee Gordon King, who resigned from the foundation in June, said that the group did not have the fi-



COURTESY PHOTO — RUNUTEDU
Radford BOV member Robert Blake resigned after he revealed information concerning the increase of the president's salary by three-fold.

nancial backing to commit to giving Kyle \$1 million over the remainder of her five-year contract extension.

"If you're going to fund something like that, you need to put a fund drive on to endow it," he said.

The pay increase came after Radford BOV Rector R.J. Kirk allegedly said in a closed April BOV meeting that both the College of William and Mary and Virginia Commonwealth University were interested in hiring Kyle.

Last week, College BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 told The Flat Hat in an e-mail that the search process for former College President Gene Nichol's permanent replacement has not yet begun.

In response to those rumors, Kyle supposedly requested a large increase in her deferred payments, according to the Times.

The deferred payments will be made in

addition to Kyle's \$290,299 annual salary, and \$13,957 in bonuses, and compensation such as housing and the use of a car. Of these payments and benefits, the foundation is responsible for Kyle's car, over \$153,000 in salary and bonuses and all deferred pay.

Deferred compensation is paid out after it is earned. In most cases, it requires a worker to complete a contract.

Blake told King of the board's discussion to implement the raise, an action that both feel does not fall under the board's authority.

Alan Gernhardt, a lawyer for the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, said that while sharing information from a closed meeting may be bad form, it is not illegal.

"It's freedom of speech," Gernhardt said. "The vast majority of time, if people want to say something, they can."

New mascot to be open to student discussion

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The Student Assembly will vote tonight on a bill to create a committee that would organize student submissions and provide a \$500 reward to the student whose idea wins.

According to Reveley, several possibilities have come to

his attention.

"On the bird front, there are two contending fowl. There's the Phoenix, which frankly I like, but there's also the Wren, the Fighting Wren, that has a very powerful constituency," he said. "And then there are those who say, whatever we do, no birds."

During an address to the Board of Visitors in April, Reveley spoke at length about the phoenix, comparing it to the College in that both overcome challenges and emerge stronger.

Reveley said that when the time comes to officially choose a new mascot, he hopes open

discussions prompt diverse ideas.

"Let's let a thousand flowers bloom," he said. "Let's have all the suggestions anybody has come in, and let's see what shakes out."

Number of dead zones increases

DEAD ZONES from page 1

ocean, where they are decomposed by oxygen-consuming microbes. This depletes a vast majority of the area's oxygen supply, making life unsustainable for several species and altering the food chain within the area.

"Too much production of organic matter is part of what causes a dead zone," Diaz told The Flat Hat. "If the bottom water is isolated from the surface supply of oxygen, hypoxia results and a dead zone forms. The leading cause of the overproduction of organic matter in the sea is land runoff of nitrogen, most of which is coming from agriculture."

Low oxygen levels are responsible for eliminating several fish and crustacean species from the bottom waters, leaving behind little more than microbes and stripping away the area's biodiversity.

"All dead zones lower biodiversity by eliminating sensitive species," Diaz said. "The most common response of the invertebrates that cannot escape is to die."

All of the dead zones studied by Diaz and his colleagues were caused by human activity, although other areas have similar problems that are not the result of human actions or interference.

"There are also large areas of low oxygen

in the oceans that are called oxygen minimum zones; these are naturally occurring and typically in deep water," Diaz said.

The naturally existing dead zones are prevalent in lakes, and although they do not naturally pose a threat to oceanic health, human activity frequently worsens their conditions.

"Lake Erie has the second largest dead zone in the U.S., but Lake Erie is prone to [the] development of low dissolved oxygen," Diaz said. "However, it is clear that human activity has greatly expanded the size of the dead zone there."

In order to stop the spread and development of dead zones, it is imperative that fertilizers remain on the land and that agricultural runoff is prevented. Diaz is optimistic that current dead zones can be revived and will once again be sustainable.

"Almost all systems that have reduced nutrient inputs have recovered from having a dead zone," he said. "Many small systems improved in the 1980s from sewage treatment upgrades, like Delaware River, Hudson River and the East River."

Diaz said he will continue his research into oxygen levels in the world's oceans.

"Next we need to estimate the effects on fisheries and make recommendations on how to reverse these effects," he said. "If dead zones continue to spread, there will be very serious consequences to our living resources."

Kaine appoints College alums to high courts

By SARAH OWERMOHLE
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine appointed Leroy F. Millette Jr. '71 J.D. '74 to the Supreme Court of Virginia last month. Millette has 33 years of experience as a judge and attorney in Virginia.

Previously, Millette has served on the Court of Appeals, a position Kaine appointed him to in 2007. Before that, he was a circuit court judge in Prince William County. He has also been a professor at Northern Virginia Community College since 1976.

During his undergraduate years at the College of William and Mary, Millette majored in economics.

"I enjoyed William and Mary for a number of reasons," Millette said. "Majoring in economics was excellent preparation for law school, and I enjoyed the people a lot."

Millette said the College's small size benefitted his education.

"It gave you the opportunity to feel like a real part of the school community," he said. "The College is intellectually challenging and gives you the opportunity to grow up and mature."

Millette has presided over a number of high-profile cases, including the infamous Bobbitt trial of 1994, during which a woman was tried for cutting off more than half of her husband's genitals after enduring years of sexual abuse.

Millette also presided over the sniper trials of 2002, in which John Allen Muhammad was tried for the shooting of 10 people in the Northern Virginia area.

"The Muhammad case was certainly a defining moment in my career," Millette said. "It was the moment that got the most attention. I wanted to do everything to make sure he got a fair trial."

Gordon Hickey, spokesman of the office of the Governor, noted Millette's handling of the sniper trial and his breadth of experience as reasons for his appointment.

"Millette is an imminently qualified judge, and he will certainly do a great job," Hickey said.

Millette's appointment is subject to confirmation by the General Assembly when they reconvene in January.

Kaine also appointed Jan Lois Brodie '69 to the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Brodie majored in modern languages at the College and earned her master's degree in education from San Jose State University and her J.D. from the George Mason University School of Law in 1986.

Brodie previously served as deputy county attorney in the Office of the County Attorney in Fairfax County. She joined the office in 1988 as an assistant county attorney in the Land Use Section, and became deputy county attorney in 2006.

"Judge Brodie will do an excellent job in her position," Hickey said.

Brodie could not be reached for comment.

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Pilchen misused SA funds

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back no problem, it's fine. I'll just go to the bank and deposit it.' I'm not Zach's mom. I didn't want to stand over him; I trusted him to do that."

Over the next two weeks, Pilchen ran up 16 more charges on the account. He did not pay anything back, although he said plans to pay off his debt today.

The SA account, which is managed by SunTrust bank and is required by SA bylaws to be held in the names of the SA president and secretary of finance, has a current balance of \$16,797.81. It is comprised entirely of money raised by the SA through sales, drives and other fundraising efforts. The fund does not include any student activities money and is to be used "for, but not limited to, special projects and events," according to the SA code.

The debit card used in Pilchen's purchases has a \$750 cap on monthly spending to limit the cardholder's ability to withdraw large amounts.

Every transaction made using the debit card is required to be approved by the SA

president. However, Pilchen's name remained on the card following the March SA election won by Hopkins even though the SA code states that signatory authority of the account must be transferred to the new president and secretary within five business days of inauguration.

Pilchen's purchases occurred after his presidency had expired.

"[Pilchen] should have switched the account over within five days," Beato said. "If [Hopkins] didn't authorize some of those expenses, they are absolutely not allowed."

Hopkins and Pilchen credit the delay in transferring over the accounts to the Williamsburg City Council election, the exam period and the resignation of Secretary of Finance Andrew Blasi at the end of the year. According to Hopkins, the account will be transferred into hers and Gilboa's names today.

Debit card statements released by the SA show a pattern of small purchases developing after the card was used at the cinema. Over the next two days, \$25.57 was charged at Wawa, while six purchases

totaling \$32.09 were made between May 6 and 7 at Wawa, the Student Exchange and McDonald's.

"I literally just didn't think it was going to be that big a deal," Pilchen said. "I would not have tried to do this maliciously."

Pilchen said he wanted to gauge student reaction before deciding whether to issue a campus-wide apology.

While the off-campus fund has existed for some time, the debit card was added during Pilchen's presidency. Hopkins credits the card's creation as the manifestation of a trust between the senate and the executive, but believes the card's future existence will now be called into question.

"Regardless of whether or not all of this happened, the finance committee had to revisit executive spending Oct. 14," Hopkins said, referring to a previously-planned review. "I think now it's just going to come much sooner. I think we all pretty much agree that, as frustrating as it might be for me, that a debit card will no longer be there for SA presidents — at least for the time being."

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor Sam Sutton contributed reporting.

Students welcomed

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years that follow your graduation," she said.

Horgan also stressed the importance of community service and helping other people by opening the doors for them.

"I encourage and challenge you during your time at the College and later as alumni, to not only walk through the doors which will be opened for you," Horgan said, "but also to then open doors for others whenever possible."

She ended the speech by quoting Miroslav Hlub's "The Door" to encourage new students to "go and open the door" to new opportunities.

"Today, we will literally open the doors of the Wren Building for you and welcome you into the William and Mary community. Go and open the doors," she said.

Following Horgan's address was the presentation of the 2008 President's Awards for Service to the Community.

Biology professor Dennis Taylor won the faculty award, and he donated the \$500 prize money to the Williamsburg Climate Action Network. Student winner Meghan Dunne '09 granted her prize money to the Community Action Agency.

Reveley's closing remarks urged students to recycle and conserve resources in order to improve the College's sustainability. He mentioned the newly-formed Sustainability Committee, which monitors the Green Fee — a student body-voted initiative that raises money annually for environmental sustainability initiatives — and encouraged environmentally friendly practices such as not using trays at the dining halls or turning off unneeded lights in dorm rooms.

"My hope — and my expectation — is that William and Mary will quickly become a model for other schools," Reveley said, "showing that real progress can be made on sustainability even by colleges that are not awash in income."

The ceremony concluded with the traditional walk through the Wren Building and the barbeque on the Wren courtyard.

RIAA pursues online piracy

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followed in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law that governs the privacy rights of students.

"We contacted the individuals prior to releasing their names so that they could have an opportunity to reach a settlement with the RIAA or seek legal counsel," Whitson said. "From our standpoint, our involvement in this matter is over."

Last year, the RIAA filed a motion for a subpoena in court to learn the names of seven students who had turned down the settlement request, but the U.S. district judge refused to grant the subpoena in July 2007, ruling that it was filed incorrectly.

"In effect, the judge is saying: 'Not only did you cite the wrong law as the basis of your request, but even if this law is applied to colleges, you wouldn't be entitled to the information anyway,'" blogger Eric Bangeman wrote in a article on Ars

Technica online in the same month.

The RIAA, which has been working to identify and file civil lawsuits since September 2003, tracks violators through individual IP addresses, a code that is unique to each internet-connecting electronic device. The group then sends letters through the internet service provider to various IP address owners asking them to either settle or go to court.

The RIAA's history of filing lawsuits has received media attention throughout the U.S. Last year, Wired Magazine, a publication that reports on the tech field, reported on the case of Jammie Thomas, a Minnesota woman who was ordered by the court to pay \$222,000 for downloading a few dozen songs. The woman, a single American Indian mother of two, makes \$36,000 a year. She is currently asking for a mistrial.

The RIAA has also come under fire numerous times from legal entities that say the trade group unfairly seeks out and sues individuals.

One dispute, reported in April by Bangeman, involved several University of Maine's law school students who tried to have the 27 UM lawsuits thrown out and also attempted to bar any kind of RIAA suit from entering the state ever again.

The College's Wolf Law School Library director and professor Jim Heller, who specializes in intellectual property rights, said that the question in the RIAA case was whether or not an individual was liable for having music in a peer-to-peer shared folder.

"Are you distributing when you are putting a song in a folder that can be accessible by others in a peer-to-peer network? That's the legal question," Heller said.

Upon installation, applications like Kazaa and Limewire automatically create shared folders, into which others of the same peer-to-peer network can access.

"Either make sure there are no potential infringing files in your shared folder," he said, "or disable the shared or uploading features in your [peer-to-peer] application."

In addition, a Feb. 2002 RIAA press statement against a Gateway computer commercial said that an individual should not be able to copy CDs for any purpose.

"They're going after two things: they don't want you to take my CD and make a copy of it, and they don't want people to do file sharing," Heller said.

However, he said, there's no excuse for an individual to share music with another.

"Personally I think that when I buy an album, I should have the right to download those songs for my own personal use," Heller said. "But not for me sharing my stuff [with] you. The worst step is when you get into the [peer-to-peer] thing and you're sharing it with, technically, the world."

Heller also said the RIAA was not making money on these lawsuits and it was highly likely that the trade group was just trying to find a way to send a message.

"It costs them a heck of a lot of money to sue these people," he said. "But this is exactly what they want. They want to be able to point to Jammie Thomas and tell

you guys if you do this, you can end up like her."

A possible reason, Heller said, for the focus of the RIAA on colleges was the fact that students were a much easier, influential target.

"Lots of sharing of music illegally probably happens among kids ... and they all know that within a small group, every student will know about it within a matter of hours," Heller said. "You have basically good potential defendants and good audience."

In terms of the lawsuit process, it is likely that the RIAA will begin the process of suing the students for illegal peer-to-peer file-sharing.

Whitson also clarified the College's perspective and advice to students regarding illegal file-sharing.

"The College routinely sends out notices and e-mails to students warning them of the dangers and legal ramifications of illegally downloading music — that there are legal consequences," Whitson said. "We'll continue to make students aware and educate them on this issue."



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Pilchen lacks judgment

Leadership requires the ability to make difficult decisions. It requires trust and ethical conduct. In using a Student Assembly fund for personal purchases, SA Vice President Zach Pilchen '09 demonstrated none of these. Beginning in April, Pilchen drew from the SA's off-campus account to buy sandwiches, movie tickets, cigarettes and other items totaling nearly \$140. When confronted about his transgressions, Pilchen failed to apologize. Instead, he said in a statement that his purchases were trivial in nature and that he'd always intended to return the money.

Pilchen's actions cast doubt not just upon himself, but the entire SA. Why, for instance, was he allowed to retain a debit card tied to an account holding in excess of \$23,000 even after his term had ended? Where was the oversight as his spending spree continued into May? Even as the improper custodian of the account, Pilchen should have realized that personal purchases — if not explicitly forbidden by SA law — were ethically out of bounds. That he failed to notify anyone of the mounting expenditures calls into question the innocence of his intentions. The affair displays a sheer disregard for the standards of ethical conduct and raises serious concerns about his integrity.

Both flippant and immature in his response, Pilchen dismissed his actions as “silly,” a word wholly incapable of capturing the gravity of his offense. Loaning oneself nearly \$140 from an organization's private account to pay for personal items is outrageous — at the very least.

But Pilchen has ignored all of this. He seems to be awaiting the student body's response before publicly admitting any wrongdoing. That strikes us as calculating and duplicitous, neither of which are qualities we'd like to see in the vice president of the school's governing body.

Moreover, Pilchen's position in the SA necessitates interaction with officials both at the College and in the community. If those officials find any reason to distrust him, it would destroy his ability to act as a student ambassador and would effectively render him useless in that capacity. This misdeed could give them just such a reason.

In using SA funds to buy personal items, Zach Pilchen abused his power. In our view, he has compromised his credibility and integrity as a campus leader. At a minimum, that requires an apology. At most, it requires sincere reflection on the value of his continued service to our school.

College ready for a mascot

Two decades ago, when the College of William and Mary abandoned its “Indians” nickname in favor of the more nebulous “Tribe,” its mascot disappeared from the sidelines. Ebird, an unofficial reincarnation of his vanquished predecessor, failed to escape a similar fate. As fans arrive at Zable Stadium for the first home game, they'll find the sidelines still devoid of a lovable icon.

With Interim College President Taylor Reveley's blessing, that will remain the case for the foreseeable future. “Mascots,” Reveley said recently, “are a very dangerous subject.”

At the risk of sounding sophomoric, we wonder: Dangerous? In what way? In the past several months, the College community has weathered real controversy surprisingly well.

When the NCAA denied the College's request to retain the feathers on its logo two years ago, College officials promised a new mascot along with a new logo. Two years should have provided more than enough time to identify and vet a candidate for our sidelines.

Currently, we're told the phoenix and the fighting wren have garnered the largest following. And for his part, Reveley has come out in favor of the phoenix. We're undecided, but until he and the administration begin moving on a selection process, none of that will matter. When it does, though, at least it looks like we'll be getting some feathers back.

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THE SEARCH FOR A NEW MASCOT GETS OFF TO A SLOW START...



By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Alcohol policy ignores student safety

Alexander Ely

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Last year in particular, there were many angry voices demanding a change in the behavior of the College of William and Mary's police department after alcohol-related crackdowns became excessive. Student Assembly members and writers from politically motivated publications did all they could, but to no avail.

While we all know someone who has had a run-in with Campus Police, the sad truth is that the police are not to blame for the absurdity of the College's alcohol policy. Sure, they may use ethically questionable tactics from time-to-time. They may attempt to intimidate students and make them feel like criminals. It's discouraging, but it's reality, and there's no changing it. This is because the police are employees of the state, which remains socially conservative and takes underage drinking very seriously.

So where does the blame lie?

There is no single answer, but let's start with the administration's approach to the fraternities. It revolves around one key objective: Push the frats into a small area and squeeze. They put a particular emphasis on aggressive enforcement at the beginning of each year with the hope of sending a stern message to incoming students.

Of particular note are the basements and side chapter rooms. While fraternities use these spaces for their own private traditions and leisure, they are labeled public areas by the administration, giving police, RAs and others “carte blanche” to enter and exit as they please. It also makes it easy to punish fraternities.

Rather than addressing this issue and others that might help the fraternities develop a healthier and safer social environment, Council for Fraternity Affairs' executive leadership has for years been defined by a spineless apathy for the issues of the men they are supposed to represent. Their inability to enact change, coupled with the unfortunate

tendency of fraternities to get in pointless fights with one another, ensures that no substantial changes occur.

The SA is in a similar position. While I can personally speak to the integrity and commitment of several SA members, the harsh reality is that everything they pass is a nonbinding resolution, and when it comes to the most important issues, they are powerless. The one notable exception was the alcohol amnesty program, but its record is spotty at best because it does not apply to campus police.

Then there's the administration itself. In a 2005 interview for the first article I ever wrote for The Flat Hat, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Constantine told me that he would be in favor of a lower drinking age, but since this was obviously not the case, he and his staff could not turn a blind eye to illegal activity. It's hard to argue with either of those points, and I understand the difficult position in which he and others find themselves.

But their alcohol policy during my time here has been upsetting. It encourages a culture of pre-gaming and binge

drinking behind closed doors. It forces students to drink off campus, making incidents of drunk driving more likely. With the recent cuts in bus routes from Old Campus to Ludwell, this problem becomes even more worrisome. An argument has even been made that the College's approach to drinking makes

incidents of sexual assault more likely — which is ironic given that it was a sexual assault incident in 2003 that caused the College to change its policy.

Even more ironic is that all of this is done in the name of safety, when in fact these measures are taken to free the school from liability and make it less likely that it will face litigation if incidents do occur. At times, it seems like the administration treats the safety of its students as a hot potato that it tries to unload on other groups in order to avoid getting sued.

We should all be concerned with the safety of our peers. But rationalizing the College's alcohol policy under a banner of safety is about as convincing as saying the three-person housing rule exists because of parking problems.

No one is innocent, but some people would benefit from admitting once in a while that they were guilty.

Alexander Ely is a senior at the College.

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Abortion: The elephant on the campaign trail

Brittany Hamilton

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Many of us are single-issue voters. We want gay marriage, lower taxes, lower gas prices or guns. Abortion is one of those big issues that consumes some voters. Is anything going to change with this coming presidential election?

Most of us will be voting in a presidential election for the first or second time this November, and if abortion is the only issue we're concerned about, we need to rethink our ballots.

Despite the bleak chances of the laws of abortion changing over the next four years, this is an issue that will not die, as Republicans and Democrats have realized.

The Gallup Poll and polls released by The Washington Post and CNN show that very few people support abortion in all cases, and more young people are

pro-life than their elders, making young pro-life voters an unexpected poll boost for John McCain.

This phenomenon among young voters and women is known as the “Juno” effect. It is said to occur if a woman chooses to carry her pregnancy to term when told that her fetus has brain activity, a beating heart or fingernails. Supporting this effect, ABC News released a report saying that 2005 had the lowest number of abortions since 1974.

I strongly believe that as soon as there is brain activity or a heartbeat there is also life — making me pro-life and subject to the “Juno” effect.

McCain is pro-life. He has voted for legislation that would restrict abortion, making partial-birth abortions illegal and restricting the trimesters in which a woman could have an abortion. Most of these legislative efforts failed.

McCain has also picked a female running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, with hopes that her family values and youth will bolster his campaign. The Associated Press released an article

stating that Palin was a “self-styled hockey mom and a political reformer” — and, of course, pro-life.

Even if McCain wins the election and makes efforts to enact pro-life legislation, he won't succeed. In the last Senate and House elections, Democrats gained the congressional majority. If you look at the rate of incumbent turnover — 15 percent in the House and 8 percent in the Senate

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— you'll notice that the Democratic senators and representatives aren't going to lose too many seats in this election. Most of these representatives are pro-choice, and will prevent any presidential initiatives to restrict or abolish abortion.

Barack Obama is a more interesting candidate. While he has avoided shouting his pro-choice beliefs at the top of his lungs, Obama has supported

extreme abortion measures such as partial birth abortion by voting against the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and against a similar bill in the Illinois Senate. Michael Gerson of The Washington Post writes that this type of abortion process has been deemed by fellow Democrats as “too close to infanticide.”

Obama has sought to quell the pro-life voters' concerns by supporting the 95-10 policy, which means he will reduce the number of abortions by 95 percent in 10 years through abstinence education, promotion of birth control and more medical support for pregnant women.

Not only does this political promise put Obama on the moderate level, it also creates a conundrum for pro-life Democrats. Yes, he has supported abortion, even to extremes, but he plans to reduce the number of abortions through education.

In a forum with evangelical Christians, Pastor Rick Warren of the Saddleback Church asked Obama and McCain about their stances on abortion. McCain said that he “will be a pro-life president

and this presidency will have pro-life policies.” McCain also said that life begins at the moment of conception.

On the other hand, Obama said that he would support restrictive measures on partial birth abortion as long as there were exceptions for the health and safety of the mother. This is quite a turnaround from his voting record in the Illinois and U.S. Senates.

Think about when you believe life begins and whether your beliefs coincide with those of either McCain or Obama. If you agree with McCain, keep in mind that McCain's plans to change abortion rights have a strong potential to be quashed in Congress. If your beliefs are closer to Obama's, keep in mind that fewer Democrats support extreme measures of abortion, and partial-birth abortion is not likely to receive positive reviews with voters or Congress members in the future.

If this is your one issue, you're in for a very bland outcome in this year's election.

Brittany Hamilton is a junior at the College.



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Participants practice their Pilates form during the free 4:30-5:20 p.m. class yesterday at the Rec Center, taught by Julie Dewberry '09. According to the Rec Center's website, Pilates is a mat-based workout that uses specific movements to improve posture, flexibility, strength and body awareness. The discipline helps increase the core toning the body experiences though low-impact workouts.

Rec classes offer new cardio options

New cardio classes pump up the heat and the heart rate of fitness participants

By **MALISA SAVANH**
The Flat Hat

Summer is over, but that doesn't mean your beach body has to be. Getting a good workout during the school year is just as important, and this year the Rec Center is offering four new classes in their Fitwell program: Power Step, Cardio Combo, Cycle and Flow and Zumba. Similarly, popular classes like Ballet Fusion continue to be offered and improved.

"This semester, we wanted to add some more

cardio classes so that participants would have a variety to choose from," Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness Jenny Ruehrmund said. "Cardio Combo, Power Step and Zumba are all a lot of fun and participants will get a great cardio workout."

According to the American Council on Exercise, through which all the College of William and Mary's fitness instructor's are required to be certified, regular cardiovascular exercise has many health benefits including an improved cholesterol profile, lower blood pressure, increase in energy and stamina and prevention of weight gain.

One of the additions, Zumba, is a Latin music-based fitness class described as a "fitness party" by creator Beto Perez at Zumba.com. The Rec Center has been trying to establish the program for a year, but had trouble finding a certified instructor.

"Just the description of it sounds intriguing," Justin Hoag '09 said. Like other students at the College, he is excited the Rec Center is finally offering a class of this up and coming workout.

The word "Zumba" comes from a colloquial Colombian-Spanish word meaning "to move fast

and have fun," which is what participants did last Saturday during a free demo class at the Freshman Orientation program "Late Night at the Rec."

"I am pumped for the classes at the Rec Center this year, especially the Zumba class," Megan Hermida '11 said. "Last week, I took part in a Zumba trial class, and it was the most fun I've ever had in a fitness class. I'm definitely returning for it, and I encourage anyone who is a fan of the salsa, tango or just some hip action to join me."

Another new class offered this semester is Cardio Combo, which will be taught by fitness instructor Nesli Monroe '10. The class, unique to the Rec Center, features a combination of cardio such as step, kickboxing, high-low, intervals and drills.

"Cardio Combo will be a fun and exciting way to get a high-intensity workout," Monroe said. "As we get more into the semester, the difficulty level of the class will progressively increase."

The new Power Step class is a more advanced version of step, a high-intensity, basic footwork workout, with more fluid routines resulting from the integration of "Tapless Step."

"I am really excited about our Power Step Class this semester," Ruehrmund said. "This step class is a form of step called 'Tapless' which

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'Bones' goes British for premier

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**
Flat Hat News Editor

"Bones": It's back, it's bitchin' and it's British.

In the season-four opener, a two-part episode airing at 8 p.m. tomorrow on Fox, forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan (Emily Deschanel, "Glory Road") and FBI agent Seeley Booth (David Boreanaz, "Angel") have traveled across the pond to the London.

For those who haven't fallen in love with the "Bones" theme music, the show focuses on Booth and Brennan, whom the FBI agent has nicknamed Bones because of her trade, as well as Bones' team of scientists. Working with the FBI, they solve cases in which bodies have degraded too far and all that is left is bones.

Although Brennan and Booth are in the good old U.K. to present lectures to Oxford University and Scotland Yard, respectively, they quickly become involved in a murder investigation when the daughter of an American businessman is found dead in the Thames.

And guess what? There are British version of Bones and Booth.

Guest stars Andrew Buchan, who plays bizarre "Bones" Dr. Ian Wexler, and Indira Varma, the bizarre "Booth" Inspector Cate Pritchard (any guesses what Booth nicknames her?), work well together. Unfortunately, the episode doesn't play much to that strength; rarely are the two seen together because, as is proper, he works in a lab and she does the police work.

There are a few plot holes, but nothing too disastrous. First the FBI is allowed to be part of a British murder investigation. Then Bones sends almost every piece of evidence back to her lab in Washington for the secondary characters to analyze. It just seems a bit, you know, wasteful.

But don't worry; there's plenty of drama back at the lab. Everyone has inexplicably moved past the fact that Bones' assistant, Zach Addy (Eric Millegan, "Curb Your Enthusiasm"), was just arrested for assisting last season's recurring enemy, a creepy cannibal named Gormogon. It's actually kind of British — proper, polite — how they ignore it.

Of course, death travels right behind the crime-solving duo. Shortly after solving the first murder, one of the Brits is found burned to a crisp. This murder plays off the last one, but provides a glimpse into the British team and their partnership.

Back in the lab, drama continues as Angela Montenegro's (Michaela Conlin, "Enchanted") husband arrives to sign divorce papers so she can marry Jack Hodgins (T.J. Thyne, "24"). Of course, he doesn't want to divorce her; he's been in love with her for five years.

Okay, let's pause right there and recap. First: "Bones" writers, really? Was there a British stereotype you didn't touch on? There were jokes about bad teeth, weak tea, snobby royals, butlers, driving on the left side of the road and lawyers wearing wigs in court. There were scenes of Booth faking British accents, Booth trying to make one of the Queen's Guard react, Booth almost getting in various car accidents, Booth yelling at Bones that "it's not a lorry, it's a truck."

We get it: Booth is a big ole gun-totin' Yank, while Bones is academic and sophisticated and fits right in with the more aloof Brits.

Also, can't Angela's husband just sign the damn divorce papers? He has to show up, years later when Angela wants to marry another man, and profess his love for her before throwing Hodgins in a dump truck? I feel like that lab technician who spent the whole episode complaining about the drama.

One plus: Dr. Sweets appears to be a major character now. The psychologist, played by John Francis Daley of "Freaks and Geeks," continues to serve as a good comic relief to the rather intense drama of the other characters. The addition of Daley is rather reflective of the overall cast: intellectually brilliant, but not necessarily emotionally mature.

It must be a challenge for Deschanel to constantly act cold and clinical. After three

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Matoaka show kicks off concert season

Alexandria's Virginia Coalition and opening act Alexa Wilkinson performed Friday evening at Matoka Amphitheater

By **CAITLIN FAIRCHILD**
Flat Hat Photography Editor

Last Friday, five hundred people made their way out to the Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre to see crowd-pleasing Virginia Coalition kick off UCAB's first concert of the year.

Similar to many students at The College of William and Mary, Virginia Coalition hails from the Washington suburbs, thus making these Alexandria natives a local indie favorite for many Northern Virginia residents.

Many in their loyal fan base cite the band's versatility and live act as their main attributes.

"They just get so into their music," Chase Hathaway '10, who has now seen them live six times, said. "You can really tell they love what they're doing."

Loyal fans insist the band performs best live. "It's actually better to see them live before you listen to the CDs," Eleanor Shaw '09 said. She has seen the band perform 10 times.

UCAB originally hoped to book a more nationally known act, but none were available. They turned to the less pricey Virginia Coalition in an

attempt to appeal to as many students as possible.

"[The band is] energetic — fun," UCAB member Sean O'Mealia said. "[They] knew how to get a party going."

Opening act, Alexa Wilkinson, a singer-songwriter from New York City, began the show with melodic acoustic guitar-based numbers powered by personal lyrics. In between songs, she offered up anecdotes about her life on tour and explained the stories behind the lyrics, usually referring to long-distance relationships and fizzled romances.

Shaw quickly became a fan of Wilkinson's fashion choices as much as her music. "Her tutu was pretty sweet but I liked her songs too," she said.

Although unknown to most of the crowd, Wilkinson and her band charmed the audience. At the end of the set, a girl ran up to the stage to see if she could get a hug from the bassist.

As soon as Virginia Coalition began playing, the crowd got out of their

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CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Andy Poliskoff and Jarnett Nicolay of Virginia Coalition perform at Matoka last Friday. The band is best known for its energetic performances and versatility in music.

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Muscarelle to host student raffle for ‘Great Wave’ car

By MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM
Flat Hat Photography Editor

One red, one blue, one green — the walls in the Muscerelle Museum of Art are colored with everything from paintings to sculptures, from abstract expressionism to 17th-century portraits. The artwork is there, but rarely understood or appreciated. The museum is trying to right this issue by raising awareness.

The William and Mary Arts Collaborative is a student-founded group aimed at furthering art business and art appreciation across campus.

WaMAC’s newest fundraiser, “Raffle for the Arts,” is an event co-sponsored by the Muscerelle and High Street of Williamsburg.

A white 2009 Scion XB with a graphic decoration by Williamsburg Graphix on the side sits in front of the Muscerelle. The black and blue graphic is based on “the most popular print of all time,” Rusty Meadows ’11, the student creator and director of WaMAC, said. Katsushika Hokusai’s “Great Wave” was used as a way to tie historical art directly to the car.

“We were hoping it would be something that the winner would want to keep,” Meadows said.

According to Meadows, if the costs of purchasing the car exceed the profits made from

the raffle, then Casey Auto, who contributed to the car’s donation, will cover the remaining expenses.

“So far the sales have been really slow,” Meadows said. “I think we’ve had maybe 50 tickets sold.” WaMAC has been selling raffle tickets to all students, faculty and staff at the Muscerelle since Aug. 22. One ticket costs \$5 and five tickets cost \$20.

“I think that often times people that aren’t immersed in museums or other historical works don’t see the connection between the fine arts, art appreciation and business,” Meadows said.

Meadows, who plans to double major in art history and business, wanted to create a group that would bring the real-world relationship between art and business to campus, but would still function as a social group with an emphasis on art appreciation.

“It is definitely directed toward my passion and what I want to do with my career,” Meadows said.

In hopes of getting more freshmen into the Muscerelle, there will be a raffle drawing party on Saturday, Sept. 27.

“If successful, this will be a huge fundraiser and possibly one of the largest student fundraisers at William and Mary,” Meadows said.



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
The 2009 Scion XB, designed by Williamsburg Graphix, features an image of Japanese artist Hokusai’s famous “Great Wave” printing on the side of the car.

‘Bones’ offers new twist to season 4

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seasons, she is still able to play the scientist to the end, approaching life armed with knowledge but not much wisdom or sociality.

“Yanks in the U.K.” was a dangerous start for this season. “Bones” has always been a show

that skillfully combines cutting-edge science and intricate plots with strong characters and raw emotion. It’s that unique combination that makes it stand out over the CSI franchise. But these first episodes’ character development is poor; only by the grace of the plot is the premiere saved.

As long as this season of “Bones” does better with character development and continues to produce interesting murders, I think it can pull through. Fortunately, this year’s cast is the strongest yet, and in all likelihood can pull themselves up by their bootstraps.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

L.A.X. THE GAME

The most important thing for a rapper to have is swagger. The problem with The Game’s fifth release, “L.A.X.,” is that it’s got none. On just about every track The Game makes a point of name dropping a rapper who has come before him — what seems like an effort to force himself in the annals of hip-hop history. He also seems to have a strange fascination with Kanye West. Too bad it only hurts him; he makes you remember how great Biggie was, not through his endless referencing, but because his own rhymes are just that bad.

But it all comes back to swagger. None of these songs boasts a lick of attitude. He’s either too busy trying to be a great lyricist, a la Rakim, without any of the necessary wow factor that apparently was an inspiration in the woozy, Kanye-produced “Angel,” or he’s trying to be a thug, a la Tupac, without the bit-chomping West Coast fire.

Ultimately, The Game ends up sounding like that annoying guy at a party who keeps telling you how glad he is to be there instead of actually having a good time. When you add the lack of fire behind “L.A.X.” to the fact that it’s entirely too long and just plain over the top (the intro featuring DMX and the outro had me laughing), it’s a pretty weak end-of-summer offering. Too bad T.I.’s “Paper Trail” got pushed all the way back to the end of September — we need it now more than ever.



— by Chris Tracy

A WEEKEND IN THE CITY BLOC PARTY

Bloc Party’s intimacy is the product of adolescence spoiled by a sudden burst of fame. The band’s fast-paced, passionate first album, “Silent Alarm,” was seized by the press and hoards of bloggers before the album was even released.

That’s really all it takes for the English foursome to sputter on their sophomore release, “A Weekend in the City.”

Lead singer Kele Okereke has managed a full-fledged retreat in the face of stardom, settling for a sappy mix of the first album’s fine-tuned introspection and watery, synth-string boredom.

On the plus side, drummer Matt Tong hasn’t skipped a beat, holding onto the same post-punk style that made the group a surprise dance-floor hit.

Producers Jacknife Lee and Paul Epworth are central players in both the blessing and the curse of the album. The production is more intricate and layered than any previous Bloc Party album. Though they’ve always been somewhat studio-oriented, it often seems to mask weaker elements of songwriting.

Instead of noodling with studio trickery, what Bloc Party really needs is a producer who can bring out the epic moments that made “Silent Alarm” one of the greatest albums of the past 10 years. Bloc Party may have the spirit, but it’s lost the feeling.



— by Chris Robinson

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The president and/or financial manager of your organization must attend one of the following workshops to pick up your budget. Funds will not be available for use until budgets have been picked up and the proper forms have been signed and processed to activate your account.

BUDGETS

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Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention	Health Careers Club	South Asian Student Association
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Black Graduate Student Association	Hunger Awareness Task Force	Student Chamber of Commerce
Black Student Organization	Improvisational Theatre	Student Hip Hop Organization
Building Tomorrow	International Justice Mission	Student Red Cross
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Class - Junior 2010	MBA Association	Tribal Dancers
Class - Senior 2009	Meditation Club	Tribe Consulting Group
Class -Sophomore 2011	Meridian Coffee House	Tribe College Outreach
Classical Studies	Metal Club	Tutoring Achievement Program
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College Partnership for Adult Learning	Mock Trial Team	Unite for Sight
Colorblind	MUSE	Undergrad Council
Common Ground	Mystic Theatre	Up Til Dawn
Crochet for Kids Club	NAACP	Vietnamese Student Association
Ebony Expressions	Optimal Healing Environments Club	Voices for Planned Parenthood
Entrepreneurship Club	Pep Band	WM Comix
Essence, Women of Color	Photography Club	W&M UNICEF
Feat of Grace	Pointe Blank	Windwalkers
GC Remix	Psi Chi	Wizards & Muggles
Golden Key Int'l Honor Society	Reformed University Fellowship	Wordshop
Graduate Council	Revolutionary War Reenactment	Williamsburg Heritage Dancers
Graduate Education Association	RotorAct	

Budget Distribution Workshops will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept 3—4:00 pm / Thursday, Sept 4—4:00 pm / Monday, Sept 8- 4:00 pm

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Silencing sexual rumors

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Welcome back to Williamsburg, loyal readers. I hope all of your summers were hot, wild and completely condom-covered. To start off the year, I thought I'd write about sexual gossip. We're all back in the 'Burg and, except for a few of you early birds, most of us haven't begun seeking out partners yet. The rumor mill is dry, and, though some things are awesome when they're wet, I'd rather keep the rumor mill the way it is.

To varying degrees, people define themselves based upon their sexuality, sexual choices and sexual prowess. Sex is a natural part of one's identity. For example, I had a friend in high school that prided herself on giving the second-best blowjobs in the student body.

Rumors have the power to distort our sexual images based on the way others see us and the way we see ourselves. Heaven forbid a guy told my friend she only gave the fourth-best blowjobs in the school; she would have been devastated. And even if she did actually give the second-best head, it wouldn't have mattered — the rumor would still have been out there.

A recent example of sexual gossip concerns a man who's made a few guest appearances in my dreams: Mr. John Edwards. After news of his affair with Rielle Hunter hit the stands, his political career took a turn for the worse. A "family values" man with a former mistress? Talk about taking a blow to public sexual persona.

Of course there are many other examples of political sex scandals: Bill Clinton, Eliot Spitzer and Gary Hart, to name a few. All of these rumors, which were eventually confirmed, had wide-reaching impacts on the figures involved.

Maybe we don't feel bad for those men. But what about rumors that cannot be definitely proved? The Duke lacrosse scandal, the child molestation allegations against Michael Jackson and whispers that Zac Efron is gay (say it ain't so!) were all damaging despite their questionable validity.

These stories change not only the

public perception of the people involved but can also alter the way they feel about themselves.

Getting these stories out into the open can sometimes have a positive effect. What if an adulterous woman vows never to cheat again? But sadly, they most always tend to have a negative effect. A man accused of being gay might decide to end any friendships with homosexuals; a woman rumored to be bad in bed might decide to avoid further sexual contact.

Here at the College of William and Mary, thankfully, we don't have full media coverage of our sexual lives. But, at a small-sized college like ours, rumors can still be far-reaching and harmful. With only 5,700 students — all hand-picked for their sexual abilities — a juicy rumor can easily spiral out of control. J.T.'s date, anyone?

Admittedly, there will always be gossip. Let's be honest with ourselves, there's not much else to do in the 'Burg. But there's something to be said for keeping our sexual experiences behind closed doors.

Therefore, I propose a solution to the boredom that brings about gossip: sex. What else? It's just what the doctor ordered.

Instead of sitting in your dorms murmuring over who likes fish tacos or about how many members of the student body have penetrated your resident assistant, get out there and make some news of your own. As long as you stay true to your own sexual self-image (don't cheat if you think you're honest; don't kiss girls if you say you're a straight woman), there's no harm in exploring the sexual fantasyland that is our campus.

Even if sex won't solve the problem — if you ask me, a pure hypothetical — still try to refrain from sexual rumor-mongering. Who cares if you can hear your suitemate's girlfriend making animal noises through the wall? We all do weird things. You wouldn't want everyone to hear about that one time you accidentally called a girl "Mom" between the sheets, now would you?

So let's wipe the slate clean. Start the year with the gossip buzz at a minimum and the bedroom moans at a maximum. Welcome back.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She secretly master-minds the campus's hottest sexual gossip.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

UCAB hosts first concert

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seats and made their way to the edge of the stage, dancing and singing along to the folk-rock, piano tinged, "Home This Year."

The band members connected with the audience by sharing that they had met and formed in high school. Later, they got the crowd going by giving a shout-out to the county of Alexandria. Throughout the performance, the band displayed its range, from country-influenced dance numbers to slower ballads.

Much of the act's energy came from the fans' excitement. The crowd fed off Coalition's liveliness, ultimately making the concert a symbiotic relationship of sorts.

The band was a pretty good choice for the first concert of the year. Their vigor might not have translated quite so well in a college without a fan base, but catchy melodies and sing-along lyrics are universally appreciated. This makes them a fun first Friday evening back.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Alexa Wilkinson open for Virginia Coalition Friday night at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater.

WALKING THE ALMA MATER



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Student Assembly president Valerie Hopkins '09 cheers on the freshmen class and transfer students as they pass through the Wren Building during last week's Convocation ceremony. Convocation is one of the College's oldest traditions and takes place the first Friday of classes every year. Each class of incoming freshmen walks through the Wren Building from the Wren courtyard to the DoG Street side of the building to begin their experience at the College. At graduation, the class walks across campus together from the CW side, back through the Wren, to the graduation ceremony at William and Mary Hall.

Rec introduces new cardio classes

FITNESS from page 6

adds a seamlessness to keep the combinations flowing. Participants still get a great cardio workout and have a lot of fun."

Of course, FitWell still offers old favorites such as BOX, yoga, Pilates, yogilates and hip-hop.

Classes are taught by 25 instructors, eight of whom are new. There will be no regular Saturday classes this year, based on low attendance last year. However, a four-week Jumpstart program is scheduled for Saturdays beginning Sept. 13. It's designed to teach students circuit workouts with cardio and weights independent of a formal class.

While the semester and yearly fees remain \$45 and \$75 respectively, the daily fee has risen from last year's \$3 to \$5 per daily drop-in class. Free Week, during which all fitness classes are free, began yesterday and will run until Sunday. No FitWell pass is needed for Free Week, but students must pick up a class ticket at the front desk to accommodate for limited space. Normally, classes with equipment such as steps, balls or mats allow fewer participants, whereas classes such as Hip-Hop allow for more participants. For all classes, the Rec recommends participants arrive five to 15 minutes early to get a spot in the class.

"I love going to all their classes," Eleanor Hansen '11 said. "Free Week is my favorite. It is a good chance to try out some of the new classes or enjoy some of the old to get prepared for a healthy new year."



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD— THE FLAT HAT
Julie Dewberry '09 demonstrates proper Pilates during her Monday class.

New Fitness Classes

Class	Description
Power Step Monday 5:30-6:20 p.m.	A development in step, Power Step adds the smooth transitions of tapless step to the existing rigors of traditional step classes. The goal is to keep the body in constant motion without the normal step pauses.
Ballet Fusion Tuesday 6:30-7:20 p.m.	Creatively blending elements of dance, fitness, Pilates and yoga, Ballet Fusion includes easy-to-follow, dynamic choreography designed to sculpt, tone and condition the entire body.
Cardio Combo Wednesday 5:30-6:20 p.m.	Cardio Combo incorporates various classic cardio exercises such as step, kickboxing, high-low, intervals and drills to work the entire body.
Zumba Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.	This Latin-music inspired fitness class incorporates traditional Latin dances such as salsa, merengue, cumbia and tango with heart-pumping fitness moves to tone the whole body through a full-body cardio workout.
Cycle and Flow Thursday 8:15-9:15 a.m.	An innovative approach to total body conditioning, this class includes 30 minutes of cycling followed by 30 minutes of yoga for a comprehensive cardio, strength and flexibility workout.

— Information from Rec Sports website

TRIBE FOOTBALL 2008

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Offense

Last season, the Tribe offense posted 30-plus points in its first three contests before a rash of injuries tore into the unit, claiming the squad’s top running back and wide receiver, among others. A year later, the offense returns, energized by the improved health of senior tailback DeBrian Holmes and junior wideout D.J. McAulay. With senior quarterback Jake Phillips in charge — he threw for over 2,800 yards and garnered third team All-CAA honors last season — the Tribe’s offensive production should exceed its 29 points per game in 2007.

Though the Tribe has suffered from injuries in the preseason, its depth at the skill-positions has the unit prepared for a 2008 campaign in which the squad looks to be among the top offenses in the CAA.

“I’m definitely excited. Guys have worked really hard in the offseason trying to rehab and get themselves back to where they need to be,” senior wideout Elliott Mack said. “We’re really looking forward to putting some points on the board.”

As long as the unit stays healthy and Phillips retains his sterling form, that shouldn’t be a problem.

“Jake had a very good year for us last year,” head coach Jimmye Laycock said. “It’s great having him in charge and running the show this year.”

— Matt Poms

Quarterback

Senior Jake Phillips knows the offense, throws it well and doesn’t lack confidence. If he gets decent protection, he’ll better his 2,800 yard and 19 TD 2007 season. He has decent wheels when flushed from the pocket, too.

Running back

What was thought to be a position full of depth heading into the season is now a big question mark. Senior DeBrian Holmes and sophomore Courtland Marriner are out for the opener, leaving sophomore Terrence Riggins — the Tribe’s most physical back — to carry the load. Redshirt freshman Ryan Woolfolk looked good in the second preseason scrimmage and will play behind Riggins. Waiting in the wings is true freshman Jonathan Grimes, who showed his speed in limited preseason action.

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FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Senior quarterback Jake Phillips (no. 18) will make his 17th career start Saturday.

Offensive line

Experience along the interior of the line is a major positive for the Tribe, as senior center Luke Hiteshew anchors a veteran trio. However, the unit will be susceptible to outside pressure as a pair of young, inexperienced tackles look to protect Phillips and provide running lanes for the Tribe backs.

Wide receiver

After missing nearly all of last season with a knee injury, junior D.J. McAulay will return to line up opposite senior Elliott Mack in what is perhaps the most significant homecoming from last year’s injury list. Together, the pair will provide Phillips with one of the top receiving tandems in the CAA, as the Tribe’s starting receivers will force defenses to respect their speed, while spreading the field and opening up seams for the rest of the offense. Sophomore Cameron Dohse will look to reprise a season in which he racked up over 500 yards receiving.

Tight end

Junior Rob Varno takes over the starting job as he attempts to fill the shoes of Drew Atchison. While Varno will not factor into the passing game as heavily as Atchison, the position remains strong as the junior will provide sturdy blocking and protection skills.

Scouting reports

Linebacker

Seniors Josh Rutter and Michael Pigram anchored the Tribe defense last season, together notching 161 tackles. They will seek to reprise that role in 2008, providing veteran experience and key leadership while mentoring promising redshirt freshman Jake Trantin, an expected future defensive standout for defensive coordinator Bob Shoops.



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior linebacker Josh Rutter finished 11th in the CAA in tackles per game in 2007.

Secondary

After senior cornerback Derek Cox posted three interceptions while garnering third team All-CAA honors a year ago, he will look to improve upon that performance while serving as the shutdown corner opposite sophomore Ben Cottingham. At the safety slots, juniors David Caldwell and Robert Livingston combined for 182 tackles last season and could challenge for all-conference honors this season.

Defensive line

Junior defensive ends C.J. Herbert and Adrian Tracy will bring a combined 10 career sacks and 24 career starts to what should be a line much improved from last season. Classmate Sean Lissmore is a prime candidate for a breakout season at defensive tackle while, redshirt freshman Harold Robertson will line up opposite Lissmore.

Special teams

Reliability is junior kicker Brian Pate’s strong point, as he converted 40 of 41 extra point attempts and 9 of 16 field goals last season. Meanwhile, sophomore punter David Miller provides a strong leg when the Tribe offense falters, averaging 35.1 yards per punt in 2007. Senior Elliott Mack will utilize his blazing speed to return punts while sophomore Terrell Wells and junior David Caldwell will partner on kickoffs.

After a year in which a youthful Tribe defense became a weekly punching bag for CAA opponents, the unit will return a year older, stronger, and — most importantly — with one season of defensive coordinator Bob Shoop’s game plan under its belt.

“Something that I haven’t experienced since being here is having the same defense two years in a row,” senior cornerback Derek Cox said. “Rather than having to be out on the field thinking about what you’re doing, you already know because you already learned it last year, so

now we can just react and play ball.”

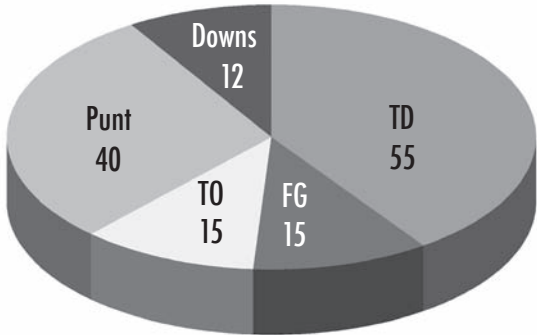
Cox, an All-CAA third team selection in 2007, will partner with senior linebacker Josh Rutter and junior defensive end Adrian Tracy to anchor a unit that can only build on last year’s dismal season.

“We’ve got some players there that can play, but we’ve got to get it out of them and in the right situations we’ve got to make plays,” Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. “They’ve got to play harder and they’ve got to get it done.”

— Matt Poms

Tribe opponents scored on over 50 percent of their possessions

In 2007, the College’s opponents recorded 137 possessions in 11 games. Seventy of the 137 possessions resulted in points for the opposition. The Tribe gave up 38.8 points per game — last in the conference — and 427 points on the season. Below is a chart breaking down the end result of opponent offensive possessions into touchdowns, field goals, punts and turnovers on downs.



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior safety David Caldwell recorded a team-high 107 tackles in 2007.

College’s schedule at a glance

Sept. 6 @ N.C. State
The Wolfpack went 5-7 a year ago, but rebounded late in the season, winning four of their final six games.

Sept. 13 vs. VMI
In the last five meetings of this annual series, the Tribe has outscored the Keydets 222-59.

Sept. 20 vs. NORFOLK STATE
Norfolk State posted an 8-3 record last season in the MEAC while downing strong programs from Hampton and Florida A&M.

Oct. 4 vs. VILLANOVA
The Tribe has lost three straight games against the Wildcats including a heartbreaking homecoming loss in 2005. This year, the College will look to turn the tables and jumpstart playoff hopes in their most crucial matchup of the season.

Oct. 11 @ New Hampshire
The two teams haven’t played since 2005 when the College shocked then no. 1 New Hampshire 42-10.

Oct. 18 @ Delaware
Delaware is another squad with an offense severely defanged due to graduation; yet the team returns a solid nucleus of players from the team that demolished the Tribe on opening night

2007, maintaining a no. 7 national ranking.

Oct. 25 vs. RHODE ISLAND
The Rams suffered through a disappointing season in 2007, finishing at 3-8 overall. They will provide the Tribe with a welcome homecoming after two difficult road contests.

Nov. 1 @ Towson
Towson gave up over 500 yards rushing to Navy in its season opener this past Saturday.

Nov. 8 vs. NORTHEASTERN
Despite their 3-8 record from last season, the Huskies upset a pair of ranked opponents in New Hampshire and Hofstra.

Nov. 15 @ James Madison
Going into Harrisonburg and emerging victorious is a tough proposition in any year. When the Dukes are no. 8 in all of FCS and are coming off a 21-point blowout of the Tribe in 2007, the task takes on epic proportions.

Nov. 22 vs. RICHMOND
If all goes well for the Tribe, it could in to this game with its playoff hopes on the line. However, a win will prove difficult against Richmond — currently ranked no. 3 in the national rankings.

— Matt Poms

Sound bytes

Jake Phillips, Sr., quarterback

“We had a lot of guys down here working out for the summer and I think it really showed. I think the commitment is the best of any summer I’ve been in [here].”

Jimmye Laycock, head coach

“Just because you’re here doesn’t make you better. Just because you’re working out doesn’t make you better.” — on 18 of 22 starters returning.

Josh Rutter, Sr., linebacker

“(We) only graduated three defensive players, so the fact that a lot of us have played together for three years, it’s going to pay dividends, it’s got to.”

Derek Cox, Sr., cornerback

“When we play those 1-A teams, it’s always a treat just being inside their stadium. But it’s still business; you’re not down there mesmerized by their stadium, you’re down there trying to take care of business, and we look forward to those games because it’s our chance to make a big statement.”

2008 TRIBE FOOTBALL PREVIEW



JAKE PHILLIPS,
SENIOR,
QUARTERBACK



ELLIOTT MACK,
SENIOR,
WIDE RECEIVER



DEREK COX, SENIOR, CORNERBACK

WHAT'S INSIDE

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By the numbers

396.2

yards per game

393.2

yards per game against

Tribe in the CAA in 2007

6th

in CAA in yardage differential

6th

scoring offense

12th

scoring defense

10th

turnover margin

6th

total offense

10th

team defense

College bucks CAA trend

The CAA has become the juggernaut conference of the Football Championship Subdivision, landing a team in the national title game in four of the past five years.

Transfers from the Football Bowl Subdivision have been a major contributor to that dominance. The University of Delaware is starting its fourth FBS transfer quarterback in six seasons, and the Blue Hens, Hofstra University and the University of Massachusetts all have more than 10 Bowl Championship Series school transfers on their rosters.

As for the College of William and Mary? Only one transfer, junior safety Robert Livingston. Developing four-year players does have its advantages, however, as it creates a more tightly knit group.

“They know each other, they know the system, they know the tradition and they know the school,” Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. “They have more invested in it.”

The pressure is on this year's senior class to capitalize on that investment: Its members are the first to have not played during the Tribe's 2004 run to the national semifinals, and they have three straight losing seasons on their records. They've got the tools to change that this season with a star under center (senior quarterback Jake Phillips), playmakers spreading the field and an experienced defense with plenty to prove.

If it can get the job done, the Tribe just might throw a wrench in the FBS transfer model and find itself amidst a playoff run four years in the making.

— Jeff Dooley

Sound bytes

Josh Rutter, Sr., linebacker

“We're kind of in a good situation in that not a lot of teams are expecting much from us and we can really come up and make a statement in the CAA this year.”



ADRIAN TRACY,
JUNIOR,
DEFENSIVE END

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